PROTECTION AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM #3-04

Date: October 19, 2004

To: Service Area Administrators

Resource Development Administrators Protection and Safety Administrators

From: Todd Reckling, Administrator, Office of Protection and Safety

Re: AGREEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN HOME STUDIES AND

SUPERVISION PERTAINING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE

PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC)

Effective September 15, 2004 this Agreement was signed by Nancy Montanez, Director, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and Kevin W. Concannon, Director, Iowa Department of Human Services.

This Agreement also is known as the "Border Agreement." The Border Agreement applies ONLY to the geographic area that is the common boundary between the states of Nebraska and Iowa, i.e., it includes only the contiguous counties on either side of the Missouri River.

The Border Agreement allows for the sending state to complete a home study in the receiving state, with the permission of the receiving state's ICPC Office. All background and criminal history checks will remain the responsibility of the receiving state. The final decision to approve or deny placement remains that of the receiving state's ICPC Office

The Border Agreement also allows for the sending state to provide supervision of children placed in homes approved by the receiving state's ICPC Office. Permission must be granted by the receiving state's ICPC Office prior to the sending state providing supervision of children in the receiving state.

Nebraska as Sending State: Requests involving the Border Agreement will be processed in the same manner as usual. The Protection and Safety Worker will send the 100A and other standard documents to the ICPC Office. The request for permission to complete the home study or provide supervision must be made in the cover letter. The ICPC Office

will notify the Protection and Safety Worker in writing whether permission is granted or denied by the Iowa Compact Administrator. If the Nebraska Protection and Safety Worker is granted permission to complete the home study in Iowa, the completed home study will be sent to Nebraska ICPC for review and forwarding to Iowa ICPC.

Nebraska as Receiving State: If Nebraska ICPC receives a request from Iowa ICPC desiring permission to complete the home study or provide supervision in Nebraska, Nebraska ICPC Office will grant or deny permission. The Nebraska ICPC Office will inform the appropriate contact person in the Nebraska Service Area in writing whether the request is approved or denied.

If you have questions regarding the application of this Agreement or processing requests under it, please contact Rita Krusemark, Program Specialist, at 402-471-9254.